

U. S. STEAMER HIT OFF IRISH COAST BY PROJECTILE

British Admiralty Report Has It That The Nebraskan Was Torpedoed, But Capt. Green Of Disabled Vessel Expresses Doubt Whether It Was Torpedo Or Mine

CREW TOOK TO BOATS BUT SOON RETURNED

They Then Got The Steamer Under Way And Headed Toward Queens-town—The Nebraskan Was Reported As Passing Krusale At 11 O'clock With Bows Down

London, May 26, noon.—The American steamer Nebraskan, Captain Green, which sailed from Liverpool on May 24 for the Delaware breakwater, was torpedoed yesterday by a submarine at a point 40 miles west-southwest of Fastnet, off the south coast of Ireland. The sea was calm and the crew took the boats, but it was soon ascertained that the Nebraskan had not been seriously damaged. She had been struck forward, and her fore holds were full of water. The crew then returned to the ship and got the vessel under way. No lives were lost, and there were no passengers on the vessel.

The foregoing information was received to-day by the British admiralty and was communicated to the American embassy.

A message from Kinsale to Lloyd's says the Nebraskan passed that point at 11 this morning, apparently being bound for Queens-town. She was down at the bows but was proceeding under her own steam and flying a signal, saying: "I am not under control."

STATE DEPARTMENT GETS PRELIMINARY REPORT

Washington, D. C., May 26.—Consul-General Skinner at London cabled a brief report of the torpedoing of the American steamer Nebraskan to-day, as he received it from the British admiralty; but he said he had received no direct report. Secretary Bryan said the state department's information was too meagre to permit forming an opinion, but he expected a full report and details soon.

EITHER TORPEDO OR MINE. REPORTS CAPTAIN GREEN

New York, May 26.—The steamer Nebraskan was owned by the American-Hawaiian Steamship company of this city and left New York for Liverpool with a cargo of foodstuffs on May 7. In a message to the owners, received to-day, Captain Green said she was struck either by a mine or torpedo 48 miles west of Fastnet and was steaming to Liverpool with water in her hold. No one was injured.

ITALY LOST WARSHIP IN SMALL BATTLE

One Austrian Destroyer Also Was Damaged, Is Admission By The Austrian Official Communication.

Vienna, via Amsterdam to London, May 26.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"The cruiser Helgoland and three torpedo boat destroyers encountered two Italian torpedo boats near Brindisi, one of which escaped but the other of which was struck by a shell and compelled to surrender in a sinking condition."

"Our destroyers rescued 25 men of the crew of the Italian boat, including its commander, but the work of rescue was hindered by the approach of two Italian battleships which fired from a range of 2000 metres (about 12,000 yards). In the ensuing skirmish our destroyer was slightly damaged, but the Helgoland and the other destroyers returned the enemy's fire with apparent success, and then retired out of range."

35 CANNON; 21,000 RUSSIANS.

Are Reported by Germany to Have Been Captured.

Vienna, via Amsterdam to London, May 26, 1:35 a. m.—The following official communication was issued by the war office last night:

"In middle Galicia, the allied armies have attacked strong Russian forces along the entire front from Simkova to the upper Theister. General von Mackensen's army, including the 4th Austro-Hungarian army corps, has occupied Badkonev and advanced east and southeast of that town towards the Sea coast."

"The enemy who attempted to regain the lost ground, were everywhere repulsed having some 21,000 prisoners, 35 cannons and more than forty machine guns."

"Towards Bludenz plain, an attack by the German army was repulsed."

BETHEL QUARRY STRIKE SEEMS TO BE NEAR END

Conferences Being Held In Barre Will Probably Result In Final Acceptance of the Bill By Union To-night.

A progressive conference which began yesterday afternoon, continued this forenoon and will end, in all probability, this evening, and in which the committee representing the quarrymen's local in Bethel, W. C. Clifford of the Woodbury Granite Co., and Secretary F. W. Sutor of the international union, participated, is expected to bring an immediate conclusion to the strike that has paralyzed the granite industry in Bethel since April 1. Nothing of a tangible nature could be given out at the international quarry union headquarters here to-day, but there is an air of feeling that a quick settlement is following the tentative compromise already reached by the quarrymen and their employers. Final action has been deferred until this evening, when the strike committee which conferred with Secretary Sutor in Barre this forenoon, makes its report to a meeting of the Bethel quarrymen.

Measures looking toward a settlement were taken yesterday by the quarrymen's committee and W. C. Clifford, the general manager of the Woodbury Granite Co., when both sides agreed to compromise by splitting the difference between the wages asked by the union and the wages offered by the granite company. Later, according to the report given out at the union headquarters to-day, a general meeting of the quarrymen endorsed the action of their committee in accepting the compromise and instructed the committee to proceed at once to Barre and lay the facts before Secretary Sutor. On an early train to-day, the committee of five arrived in the city. They are: Andrew Burns, Fred Cloggie, Joseph Hanna, Charles Tonnally and A. J. Tenny. Secretary Sutor, it is stated, was inclined to look favorably on the proposed settlement and it will be with his approval that the committee recommends a final adoption at a second general meeting of the union in Bethel to-night.

More than 60 quarrymen have been idle in the Bethel quarry district since the old agreement expired March 31. A corresponding number of cutters, polishers, lumpers, etc., have been locked out in the Woodbury Granite Co's sheds in Bethel. At times it has seemed as though the differences between employer and employee were about to be settled, but on each occasion the settlement has been deferred.

ALLEGED PENSION FRAUD.

Edward B. Parker of Wardsboro Placed Under Arrest.

Rutland, May 26.—On an indictment charging him with attempting to defraud the government by posing as a man who has been dead many years and thus securing his pension, Edwin B. Parker, alias George M. Elliott, of Wardsboro, was arrested in Shaftsbury yesterday by Deputy United States Marshal Edward S. Whitaker of this city. He will be taken to Montpelier, where he will face Judge Harland B. Howe, who is presiding at the May term of United States court, to answer to an indictment returned at the recent sitting of the federal jury.

It is very probable that Parker, who is 80 years old, will plead guilty, for yesterday he admitted to Marshal Whitaker that he had attempted the pension fraud, claiming he was partially aided by a pension agent who said "it would be all right for him to get the money due to go to George M. Elliott."

COUNTY W. C. T. U. ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. C. S. Richmond of Northfield Chosen President at To-day's Session Reports Also Presented.

The Washington County W. C. T. U. association, which is holding a two days' convention at the Baptist church in this city, elected the following officers this morning: President, Mrs. C. S. Richmond, Northfield, vice-presidents, Mrs. E. M. Denny, Montpelier, and Mrs. E. A. Shaw, Northfield; secretary, Mrs. Martha S. Watson, Montpelier; treasurer, Mrs. Bertha Kellogg, Plainfield. The superintendents of the several departments were elected to serve as they did during the past year without any change.

Reports from the local secretaries were heard. The East Barre, Barre, Plainfield, Montpelier and Waterbury secretaries read short "five minute reports" from their unions. The presidents from some of the unions gave short talks on successful meetings that had been held in the past year.

Mrs. Grace Waterman was elected to serve as the county agent for the recruiting and distributing of literature that is to be used for the coming campaign against the liquor law the first of next year.

Only two of the four department journals that were to have been given this morning were read. Mrs. M. S. Watson of Montpelier interested the audience on "Hygiene and Heredity," and Mrs. F. W. Whitcomb of this city had an interesting journal on the "Flower Mission."

A short report of the committee on courtesies was read by Mrs. Grace Waterman, the monthly prayer were given and the meeting closed until after dinner.

Yesterday afternoon and evening sessions.

The more important speakers of yesterday afternoon were Mrs. James R. Eaton of Montpelier, Mrs. M. L. Pearson of Orleans, Mrs. O. S. Willey of Barre and Mrs. J. E. Bingham of Northfield. Several hymns were sung by the audience and a solo was rendered by special request by Rev. G. H. Holt of the Baptist church and was attentively listened to and much applauded by the 20 women present. In the absence of the president, Mrs. C. S. Richmond of Northfield, who was unable to be present, the vice-president, Mrs. E. M. Denny of Montpelier, presided over the meeting.

The memorial service, which had been given to Mrs. Nellie Lane of Plainfield.

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SWIFT RUSH WINS SHIPS CRASH IN FOG

Italy's Offensive Operations Are Moving With Great Celerity over Austrian Territory, Various Towns in Trentino Being Seized, Says Official Statement at Rome

AUSTRIANS RETIRED, DESTROYING BRIDGES

Austrian Territory Along the Frontier from Lombardy to the Adriatic Sea Is Reported to Have Been Captured—Italian Aviators Bombard Monfalcone

Rome, Tuesday, via Paris Wednesday, May 26, 3:30 a. m.—Offensive operations resulting in the occupation of Austrian territory all along the frontier from Lombardy to the Adriatic, are claimed in an official statement issued by the war office. Italian troops have seized various towns in Trentino and have forced their way through the mountain defiles on the lower Isarco river. The attacks were continued to gain the line of the river. The Austrians are reported to have retired, destroying the bridges behind them. Italian aviators bombarded Monfalcone, near the Gulf of Trieste.

ALLEGED PASSER OF BAD CHECKS

Caledonia County Authorities Are Looking for "Davis," Who Operated in Hardwick While Writing Insurance.

Hardwick, May 26.—Sheriff W. H. Worthen and State's Attorney N. A. Norton are looking for a man giving the name of Davis, who is charged with forging checks, with local people as victims. It is alleged that the forgeries were committed last Thursday, but it was not until Saturday that they were discovered. "Davis" had been in town writing insurance. Those who cashed his checks are E. H. Campbell, A. G. Smith, F. T. Downer and the J. H. McLeod Co. The amounts were \$50, \$10, \$17 and \$15.

PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

G. Buttura Was Charged With Intimidation—Other Cases Heard.

Giovanni Buttura, who was arrested yesterday and taken to the county jail, was accompanied to the city this morning and arraigned before Magistrate H. W. Scott on a charge of intimidating a workman at Jones Brook plant. Buttura pleaded not guilty to the charge and bail of \$500 was furnished for his appearance at a hearing to be held on the forenoon of June 3. Adamo Conadera of Lewis street, who was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff William McCane, pleaded not guilty to breaking the peace and furnished bail of \$50 for his appearance at a hearing to be held June 1. Adolfo Malnati, who was taken in custody by Deputy Sheriff Henry Lawson, pleaded not guilty to an intoxication charge and was released after he had furnished \$50 bail. His hearing was set for Aug. 23.

On a warrant issued by State's Attorney F. E. Gleason, Giovanni Tosi was arrested late yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Frank H. Tracy. Tosi was taken to police headquarters and later removed to the county jail.

Moses Forrest, who was arrested yesterday by Officer Harry Gamble on an intoxication charge, came before the court to-day and pleaded guilty to a subsequent offense. Passing of sentence was suspended and Forrest was remanded to police headquarters until he was ready to make a disclosure.

RAIL FIXED AT \$1,000

In Cases of Perelli and Tosi in Montpelier City Court.

A session of Montpelier city court was held in the Washington county jail this morning when E. Perelli and G. Tosi, the latter arrested in Montpelier and the former in Barre, were arraigned on the charge of breach of the peace and intimidation. Each pleaded not guilty and bail was set at \$1,000 each for a hearing on June 9.

Tosi was represented by Attorney J. Ward Carver of Barre and Charles Zamboni furnished bail. Perelli was represented by Attorney A. G. Fay of Barre, and bail on his case had not been furnished early this afternoon.

Judgment for Plaintiff.

Judge Harvey announced this morning that the court had found for the plaintiff in the case of E. Perelli vs. Charles Zamboni, the latter a game warden of Barre. The suit grew out of the act of Game Warden Keith in arresting Zamboni, a Montpelier youth, in Montpelier one day last fall on the ground that he was going hunting without a license. The plaintiff's attorney declined to prosecute the case, and Zamboni's suit was for damages resulting. Court gave him \$40 and costs.

Steamer Ryndam, Carrying 277 Passengers and Crew, Was Badly Damaged off Nantucket Light This Morning, and the Tramp Steamer Joseph J. Cuneo Received Damages Less Serious

BOTH ARE PROCEEDING TOWARD NEW YORK

They Are Under Convoy of Warships Which Were Manœuvring in the Vicinity and Caught the Calls for Help—All Passengers and Part of Crew Taken off the Ryndam

Boston, May 26.—The Holland-American Line steamer Ryndam, which left New York yesterday for Rotterdam, was badly damaged in a collision with the Norwegian tramp steamer Joseph J. Cuneo about 36 miles south of Nantucket lightship early this morning. Wireless messages to the naval radio station said that the passengers and most of the crew were transferred to the Cuneo and later to the battleship South Carolina which, with others of the Atlantic fleet, answered the Ryndam's wireless calls for assistance.

Later messages from the Ryndam, which was proceeding to New York under own steam, said that one of her holds was full of water and another hold and the engine room were leaking, but that it was believed that they would be able to control the water. The Cuneo had her bows stove in and she was otherwise damaged.

Although few details of the accident reached the shore, it is believed that the collision occurred during the heavy fog about four a. m. The Atlantic fleet has been engaged in war manœuvres in the vicinity of where the accident took place and several of the battleships of the fleet were within the call of the wireless. Messages from Newport said that in addition to the South Carolina the battleships Texas and Louisiana were conveying the damaged steamer which were making thirteen knots, while Admiral Fletcher with the flagship Wyoming was also in the vicinity.

The Ryndam carried 277 passengers and a crew of 200. Forty of the crew remained aboard. The vessel was heavily laden with a general cargo of foodstuffs and merchandise for Holland.

New York, May 26.—Despatches received here during the forenoon from the battleship South Carolina said the steamer Ryndam was making 13 knots, which speed, if maintained, would bring her to New York late to-night or early to-morrow. Of the passengers all but six, the officials of the company said, were Europeans returning home. These six were Americans.

At 10 o'clock when the Ryndam was 124 miles off Ambrose channel lightship her captain sent a wireless to the owners saying her engines were much strained but were holding out.

FORMER BARRE MAN.

William Farrar Died in Hardwick After Short Illness.

A despatch received here to-day brought tidings of the death in Hardwick of William Farrar, for 15 years a resident of Barre, and formerly well known in this city. Mr. Farrar's death occurred after an illness of four weeks. Besides his wife, who was Mrs. Della Gayer of Barre, he leaves four children. Mrs. W. H. Haviland of Highland avenue is an aunt of the deceased and W. H. Buchanan is Mr. Farrar's brother-in-law. Mr. Farrar was 58 years old and came here from Danville around 30 years ago. His first wife, Miss Elizabeth Buchanan, died in 1883. For upward of 15 years he was employed here as a tool chapper, removing to Hardwick in 1900. Mr. Farrar was a member of the Masonic order.

The funeral will be held in Hardwick Thursday forenoon at 10 o'clock and the remains will be brought here in the afternoon for interment beside the body of Mrs. Elizabeth (Buchanan) Farrar in Elmwood cemetery.

NO BUSINESS READY

When Special Session of County Court Convened To-day.

A special session of Washington county court was convened this morning at Montpelier, having been called to take up cases growing out of the labor trouble in Barre, Montpelier and other towns in the granite belt. Judge Stanton presided. There was no business ready for this morning, but it was said that State's Attorney Gleason probably would file information against a number of men.

Notice To Carvers.

Regular meeting of local Sec. B. C. I. P. A. Wednesday evening at 7:30, B. C. I. P. A. All clerks attend. Business of importance.

THREE BUILDINGS BURNED But Most of Their Contents at Upper Graniteville Saved.

A fire with losses aggregating nearly \$8,500 destroyed the house and two barns on the William Pratt place, so-called, at upper Graniteville last night and all efforts to account for the origin of the blaze had proven futile to-day. C. Silitti occupies the Silitti family, which is owned by Charles F. Lowe, assistant treasurer of the Montpelier Savings bank. The buildings were insured for \$2,800, which is carried in the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and Mr. Silitti's loss, probably amounting to \$1,000, is fully covered by insurance. A large crowd of people rallied to the Silitti farm when the fire broke out on one of the quarries sounded around 10 o'clock, but the facilities for fighting the fire were wholly inadequate and the buildings burned rapidly.

Members of the Silitti family discovered the blaze around 9:45 o'clock. It seemed to have originated in the west end of the house, where the electric light wires are connected, although nothing discovered to-day would tend to verify the theory that defective wiring was responsible for the blaze. Mrs. Silitti spread the alarm and attention was turned at once to saving the household goods and contents of the two barns. Little progress had been made in removing the furniture from the house when the family was compelled to vacate. Both the horse barn and the hay barn are located several rods away and there was ample time for removing farming implements, grain and a small quantity of hay. The cows and horses had been left in the pasture for the night. Once the blaze had communicated from the house to the outbuildings, the fire made quick work of everything inflammable. A volunteer fire brigade did good work in saving property across the highway from the Silitti home and had it not been for their timely efforts, it is likely that the loss would have been much greater. By midnight all three buildings on the Silitti farm were in ashes.

Very recently the house and barns had been put in excellent condition by the owner. Steam heat and electricity were introduced in the house and upward of \$500 had been spent on repairs. Painters were due to arrive in a few days to paint the property. Mr. Lowe stated to-day that the loss in his case would approximate \$8,500. No plans have been made for rebuilding and for the time being, the Silitti family is living in a neighbor's home.

STRUCK ON HEAD IN QUARRY FALL

William Blow Is in Critical Condition at Barre City Hospital as the Result of an Accident at the Consolidated Quarry Yesterday.

With a fracture at the base of the skull known to medical men as a contraindication to surgery, a young Westerville quarryman, is hovering between life and death at the City hospital, to which institution he was removed yesterday after having fallen a distance of 20 feet from a trestle at the Consolidated quarry. Fellow workmen of Blow picked him up for dead and even after first ministrations were over and the quarryman was on his way to the hospital in an automobile it was feared that he would not survive the journey. The fall rendered him unconscious and over night and to-day he remained in a state of coma.

This morning hospital attendants were greatly surprised to observe that he seemed a bit brighter and where yesterday it was thought that the end was but a question of hours, to-day it was stated that the young man has a fighting chance for recovery. Relatives at the hospital awaiting every detail of information that comes from the patient's bedside are his wife and little child and his father. Blow is 20 years old.

Men employed at the Consolidated quarry are at a loss to explain clearly the accident. It is known that Blow, who is a carload of gravel on the inclined trestle to the dumping place. The accident occurred at a point where the trestle crosses a road leading between two great piles and whether or not the fellow fell from the track or was pushed over the edge of the trestle by a stone are matters of conjecture. One report has it that he was riding on the car and that when a stone became loosened from the pile he was thrown over the trestle to the roadway. Another rumor is that he was walking alongside the car when a rolling stone caused him to lose his balance.

At any rate he fell a distance of 20 feet and apparently struck on his head. Other quarrymen employed nearby summoned Dr. G. L. T. Hayes and after a brief consultation it was decided to remove him to the hospital. Blow did not recover consciousness long enough to tell clearly the circumstances of the accident. From the first he appeared to have been pushed and in the belief of the attending physician, he must have suffered a hemorrhage as soon as he struck the ground.

Through her attorney, S. Hollister Jackson, Mrs. Dora Brown of Hanover, N. H., petitioned the aldermen for a domestic meter in her house at 29 Tremont street. Alderman Shortliff moved that the request be granted, although he thought that all applications for meters thus far received and in the hands of the water superintendent, should be granted also. Alderman Cook was for delaying the request on the table, in view of the fact that the council, as he said, had held in abeyance the granting of similar requests. Mr. Shortliff's motion was seconded by Alderman Glysson and Mrs. Brown was granted a meter.

CARVERS' STATEMENT.

Announce That They Propose to Stay Out with Latin Granite Cutters.

The Editor, Times: The undersigned Italian, Spanish, Austrian and Swiss carvers, reunited in a special and particular meeting of the class to discuss the situation created by the continuation of the strike by the Latin workers of granite; considering that the attitude taken by the Latin mass is right and logical and in regard to the union of its members to the business.

Considering that the motif of this mass, in the actual moment, would seriously prejudice the moral and economic interests of all the workers of granite in Vermont;

Considering that the carvers more than for their direct economical and material interests, feel for the spontaneous duty of solidarity, the intimate want to fraternize with the granite cutters in general;

(Signed) All the Carvers.

PARK COMMR'S RESIGNED

Three Members Gave Notice to City Council Last Evening

PARK ST. BONE CONTENTION

Resignations Were Set Over to City Council Meeting

A parting of the ways between the park commission and the city council has been reached through the resignation of the three commissioners, C. B. Gladding, Alexander Hanton and George A. Reed, their withdrawal from office having been received at the regular meeting of the board of aldermen last night. No formal action was taken on the decision of the commissioners, as the communication was addressed to the city council, but on the motion of Alderman Cook, the resignations were laid on the table until the council meets next week. Justification of the commission's course in moving the Currier park curbing and a resume of the commission's plans for the future are included in the communication which the council will consider when they assemble.

Coincident with the statement from the commission came a report from the committee of abutting land owners around the park in which they figuratively wash their hands of any participation in Currier park affairs. Having paid all bills, contracted by the committee, the members serve notice on the aldermen that they have laid down their tools.

President Keast presided and after the interests of two or three visitors had been looked after, the aldermen turned to routine business. Alderman Bruce was absent. A committee from the school board dropped in to discuss the question of leasing land in the rear of the Church street schoolhouse for a small shed which the street committee purposes to erect. The aldermen were furnished the information that a lease would be given for a nominal sum. Cyrus Hall stopped in for a few moments to get a little light on the whereabouts of a building which he moved from Batchelder street last week. Mr. Hall was somewhat uncertain as to whether he had moved the building across the line into Barre Town or this side of the line. He suggested that a surveyor be employed to establish the line in the vicinity of Cedar street. He was informed that Cedar street is not in the city.

George W. Mann sent a column of rhetoric against the chairman of the street committee for the latter's alleged failure to inspect a "fill" in which he is interested. Chairman Keast said he was on the ground early yesterday and referred to Mr. Mann's apparent absence from the scene of the filling activity. It was decided that the street committee would be on hand at 7 o'clock this morning to look at the "fill" and to make arrangements for laying tile before the work is completed.

"Dangerous" and "menacing" are two of the adjectives used by City Engineer Frank O. Lee in his regular report on the inspection of bridges, with the granite and South Main street bridges particularly in mind. Mr. Lee stated that the granite street structure, built 24 years ago, is so badly substantial enough to stand the needs of present day traffic. The steel stringers under the floor of the bridge have rusted and high water has wrought other havoc. The bridge across the rail branch on South Main street is equally unsafe, in the opinion of the engineer, and should be replaced, or at least propped up in the middle. Bridges on Brook and Seminary streets and Harrington avenue are in good condition; the upper Brook street bridge needs a concrete curbing and stringers repainted. New planks are needed on the bridges at Willey and Berlin streets; channel stringers on the Blackwell street bridge should be repaired and the Prospect street bridge should be repainted. New planking ought to be laid on the Mill and Ayers street bridges. The report was accepted and the recommendations ordered carried out.

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Park street people signed a petition for a cement concrete sidewalk in their locality and the request was referred to the street committee with instructions to report. Mrs. Mary Mackay, Fred Bowley, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Chandler and N. D. Phelps signed the petition, although it was stated that the signature of one of the women had been made subject to a postponement of the work until next year.

On the favorable recommendation of the win inspectors, C. C. Perkins, permits were granted the following applicants for wiring: Mrs. Mary Nichols, to wire for lights at 28 Brook street; Merle Brown, to wire for a light and lamp on North Main street; A. Bonaparte, to wire for lights on Seminary street; A. J. Guthrie, to wire for a street light in front of the Hub restaurant; A. Fine and A. Tomasi, to wire for lights; Hoyt & Lehoucq, to wire for electric fan.

The building inspector having reported favorably on a large number of building applications, permits were granted in the following instances: L. Duffins Granite

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